Mail Service in Kerala

701. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mail service in Kerala is in total disarray;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the service;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in various RMS Offices enough staff is not there to handle the postal work; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to recruit more staff for these offices; and

(e) whether Government propose to appoint a High Level Expert Committee to study the problems of postal services in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) All the Railway Mail Service offices and units in Kerala are adequately staffed. As and when shortage is experienced due to leave etc., Reserved Trained Pool staff are engaged to do the work.

(e) No, Sir.

Telegraph Division in Kerala

702. SHRI V. GOPALASAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of COMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the telegraph divisions in Kerala and the areas being served by each division;

(b) what are the details of the new divisions which are proposed to be introduced during the Seventh Plan period in Kerala;

(c) whether there is any proposal to close down any of the existing telegraph divisions in Kerala; if so, what are the names of those divisions and what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government will review the position to ensure that no division in backward areas is closed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Information is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The Department of Telecom. has decided on 8-4-85 to reorganise the existing management of Telecom. Circles on the basis of the Secondary Switching Areas (SSAs). Each SSA would constitute a basic management/operative unit in the circle and it will be called the Telecom. Distt.

2. With increase in workload these districts will not be bifurcated any further, instead their management level would change. Depending upon the workload, the Telecom. Distts. will be headed by a Telecom. Distt. Engineer, Telecom. Distt. Manager or General Manager Telecom. Distt. This scheme is in the process of being implemented.

3. In view of this the question of formation of new independent divisions in future does not arise. Further the existing Telegraph Divisions in Kerala Circle are not being closed but they are only being re-organised on the SSA pattern wherever justified. This scheme is expected to help to provide better and more effective Telecom. Services to the public.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Telegraphs Engineering Divisions as on June, 1986	Secondary Switching Areas Served
1	Trichur	Trichur Palghat partly
2	Trivandrum	Trivandrum Quilon partly
3	Calicut	Calicut
4	Kottayam	Kottayam
5	Ernakulam	Ernakulam
6	Cannanore	Calicut partly Cannanore partly
7	Alleppey	Alleppy
8	Palghat	Palghat
9	Quilon	Quilon
10	Tiruvalla	Alleppy partly
11	Kasargode	Cannanore
12	Thodhupuzha	Kottayam partly Ernakulam partly

Strike by Lawyers

703. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many times lawyers' in Delhi have gone on strike during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for each strike and also period of each strike;

(c) how many mandays did Delhi Courts loose because of each strike; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to avoid such strike by lawyers as it overburdens the already burdened workload of Delhi judiciary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Turbine project

704. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any turbine project is proposed to be set up by the National Thermal Power Corporation alongwith 700 KM Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur gas pipeline; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Na-